

**In the Specification**

Please replace Paragraph [0015] on page 3 with the following paragraph:

--[0015] As noted above, an example of a prior art system is shown in Figures 1(a)-(b). The audio systems of the prior art (in this example a portable handheld radio 100) may typically have an outer casing 102, which contains the working components of the system, such as the microphone 112. One or portions of the outer casing may form an opening or inlet 108, allowing sound to enter the system and impinge upon the microphone. The microphone inlet has a change of direction, and this prevents the object from entering the hole far enough to pierce the microphone gasket or microphone.--